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Mr. Franklin G. Floete  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Floete:

I spoke to you several days ago about an "Agreement Between the Central Intelligence Agency and the General Services Administration" having to do with the construction of a new headquarters building for the Central Intelligence Agency which Mr. Mansure and I entered into just prior to the announcement of your appointment as Administrator of General Services.

The National Capital Planning Commission has approved of a site near Langley, Virginia, for this building, and we received the Commission's final report on 2 March 1956, a copy of which I am forwarding herewith. We are, therefore, now in a position to proceed with our planning and I should appreciate an opportunity to discuss this matter with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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The Honorable Edmund F. Mansure  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mansure:

I greatly appreciate your letter of February 1 forwarding the Agreement which had been negotiated for the construction of the Central Intelligence Agency headquarters building. Prior to the receipt of your letter, I had sent a copy of the Agreement to the Department of Justice to make sure that there was no objection by the Department to its terms. As you no doubt know, Counsel for the Department had some thoughts concerning the Agreement which have been reviewed by Counsel for our respective agencies. They have recast the Agreement in the form enclosed herewith and to which I understand there is no legal objection. It sets forth substantially the same arrangement and is one which I am sure can be carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned. I greatly regret that the pressure of events did not permit consideration of these changes before your letter, but I feel it is necessary that we accept the guidance of the Department of Justice.

With respect to the selection of the firm of Harrison & Abramowitz as the architect-engineer for the Central Intelligence Agency building, should it become necessary or in the best interests of the project to obtain additional architect-engineer services, it is understood that the General Services Administration may engage them subject to Central Intelligence Agency approval. In any event, I understand that it is agreeable to you that final architectural responsibility will rest in Mr. Wallace K. Harrison.

In a project of this magnitude it will be only natural that there will be differences of opinion from time to time, but I am sure that any which have material significance will be referred to you and me by our respective subordinates and we can then consider their resolution together.

I have signed the reworded Agreement and trust that you will feel free to execute the duplicate originals and return one for our files.

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DD/S  
Director of Logistics  
General Counsel

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

Enclosure - Agreement

**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
AND  
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

This Agreement is made between the Director of Central Intelligence and the Administrator of General Services pursuant to Public Law 161, 84th Congress, Public Law 219, 84th Congress, and Public Law 152, 81st Congress (as amended), particularly section 210 (c) thereof, and shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of said acts. The Director of Central Intelligence and the Administrator of General Services agree that there will be full cooperation by their respective agencies in all phases of this project in accordance with said acts. The Deputy Director (Support) for the Central Intelligence Agency and the Commissioner of Public Buildings Service for the General Services Administration will be responsible for the coordination between the agencies to achieve such cooperation. The following elements of the project are specifically agreed to, but this in no way limits the requirement for complete cooperation on all other aspects:

a. Upon determination by the Central Intelligence Agency of an appropriate site, CIA will state to PBS its complete requirements for a headquarters installation. Any changes and requirements will be reported by CIA to PBS at the earliest opportunity. Any circumstances affecting its ability to meet such requirements will be reported by PBS to CIA at the earliest opportunity.

b. Mr. Wallace K. Harrison of the firm of Harrison & Abramovitz will be responsible for the architect-engineer aspects of this project. PBS will negotiate an appropriate architect-engineer contract with the firm of Harrison & Abramovitz subject to the concurrence of CIA before execution of the contract.

c. All sketches, plans, estimates, and specifications shall be approved by CIA and PBS.

d. PBS will execute all contracts for the construction phase of the project subject to prior approval by CIA, except that in connection with certain highly classified installations during construction CIA may notify GSA that security requires that CIA provide for the installation work involved.

e. PBS will issue necessary change orders in connection with all contracts executed by it, provided such change orders are requested or approved by CIA.

f. The firm of Harrison & Abramovitz and such others as are designated by Mr. Wallace K. Harrison will participate with PBS in the supervision of the construction of the installation.

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ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director of Central Intelligence

3 FEB 1956

                      
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EDWARD P. HANSURE  
Administrator of General Services

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Date